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SUBJECT: VISIT TO URUGUAY OF GENERAL CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS,

CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY

REF: MONTEVIDEO 0294

THERE FOLLOWS BACKGROUND PROVIDED US BY DOD ON PROPOSED
VISIT:

1. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CSA TRIP REMAINS AS STATED IN STATE
019966; TO PROMOTE RAPPORT BETWEEN REGIONAL ARMY
COMMANDERS AND DEMONSTRATE US ARMY INTEREST IN MAINTAINING
CLOSE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONS. DISCUSSIONS WITH
GENERAL HUGO CHIAPPE POSSE ARE EXPECTED TO BE INFORMAL
IN NATURE. HOST MILITARY BRIEFING ON STATUS OF URUGUAYAN
ARMY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

2. GENERAL ABRAMS WILL DISCUSS XI CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN
ARMIES (CAA) WHICH URUGUAYAN ARMY WILL HOST IN 1975.
PURPOSE OF CAA DIALOGUE WILL BE TO ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE
PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIONS, ENSURE URUGUAYAN UNDERSTANDING
OF NECESSITY FOR A REVIEW OF CAA REGULATIONS PRIOR TO THE
CONFERENCE, AND TO OFFER US ARMY ASSISTANCE. MATTERS
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RELATED TO THE US ARMY PORTION OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM MAY ALSO BE DISCUSSED. END DOD BACKGROUND.

3. CONCUR WITH EMBASSY PROPOSAL REGARDING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, REQUEST CONTACT WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS BE DELAYED UNTIL ON-GOING CLEARANCE PROCEDURES ARE COMPLETED IN COUNTRIES LISTED IN PROPOSED ITINERARY. EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN FORMAL TRIP CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED.

4. SHOULD INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS TAKE A COMPLICATED TURN, EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE FURTHER RE ADVISABILITY OF VISIT. KISSINGER

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